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1. [REDACTED] Representative Edward Derwinski (R., Ill.) called, saying that he expected to go to Greece in the next two to two and one half weeks. Any information which we could give him, if it is in order, on the situation in Greece, would be appreciated. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Representative Derwinski suggested that we get together with him here sometime next week (he plans to leave on September 27). I told him I would check on this, and be back in touch with him, possibly tomorrow.

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3. [REDACTED] In keeping with our earlier arrangement with Senator Thomas Dodd (D., Conn.), I called him to alert him to the fact that S. 1035 was coming up on the floor in the Senate today. The Senator said he was aware of this. I told him we are not asking him to do anything, but are merely following his request to do this. The Senator said, as he saw it, we are going to lose any chance for an amendment and he also said he thinks it best that he not be involved in this.

In the course of our conversation, Senator Dodd said he had received disturbing information from someone who said that he had a tape recording

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[REDACTED] talking about kidnapping somebody in the Congo (presumably Tshombe). Senator Dodd said he had always had faith in the Agency and he still has faith in us, but that this kind of information is very disturbing. I told Senator Dodd I appreciated his telling us about this and that I would look into it and be in touch with him further.

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[redacted] met with Representative Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.) in response to Representative Reid's request for updating of information on the Near East. The meeting of some fifty minutes covered the current political and military situation in Vietnam and the Near East, with considerable emphasis on land reform in Vietnam.

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[redacted] Attempted to meet with Representative William Bray (R., Ind.) in response to his query concerning the Tshombe kidnapping. Representative Bray had numerous visitors in from Indiana and will not be available until tomorrow morning.

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[redacted] Met with Mr. Lou Burnett, Assistant to Representative F. Edward Hebert (D., La.), who advised that Representative Hebert's plans were still undetermined as to his date of return to Washington.

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[redacted] Met with Mr. J.R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Subcommittee, who advised that due to the numerous requests that had been received for Subcommittee meetings no attempt will be made to schedule the matter until after the Chairman's return.

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[redacted] The Director, accompanied by Mr. Warner, met with Senator Everett Dirksen, for a brief period. The Senator was well aware of the subject of our visit. The Director indicated he wished to thank the Senator for his help in the past. Senator Dirksen stated he understood and agreed with our concern over this bill, indicating that Senator Ervin certainly dug in his heels.

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[redacted] Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called indicating he was preparing the memorandum for Senator Stennis' floor action tomorrow on S.1035 and wished to use some of the points covered in the Director's letter to Senator Russell of 1 September. He said he needed no further assistance.